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## BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

### LONG LIFE AND ABUNDANT SUCCESS

Just a brief note to inform you of my high appreciation of the new *MAGAZINE OF HISTORY*, just started by our Society, and especially of your article contributed to the first number. I am glad to know the facts contained in the history of so eminent a man as Dr. Lapham. I hope the magazine may have more than ephemeral existence, as so many have. I wish you and the new magazine abundant success.

J. W. VANCE

Madison, Oct. 25, 1917

### PROFESSOR SANFORD RESORTS TO PROPHECY

I wish to congratulate you upon the new quarterly that took us by surprise a few days ago. It is very attractive in appearance and will doubtless be as attractive in content, though as yet I have not had time to do more than glance inside.

The magazine will find a place for itself, I predict, and will be appreciated by the members of the Society. It will serve to augment the number of members, I have no doubt. It will serve to keep Wisconsin well in advance of the other states, historically.

Wishing you the utmost success for the future conduct of the magazine, I am,

Yours very truly,

ALBERT H. SANFORD

La Crosse, Oct. 28, 1917

### BEST OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAGAZINES

Accept congratulations on the excellent quality and attractive appearance of the *WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY*. I think it is going to rank as the *best* of the historical society magazines.

I. C. B.

### COULD NOT LAY IT DOWN

This afternoon I received volume I, number 1, of the new quarterly. I was so interested in this new venture that I never let it get out of my hands until I had read every word in it. Please permit me to congratulate you on this new departure. I feel confident it will redound greatly to the success of the Society. I have felt for

years that the Society ought to do something to insure greater popularity beyond the confines of Madison, and I am sure the receipt of a reminder in the shape of so good a magazine every three months by the members at large will greatly stimulate their interest in the Society.

DR. H. B. TANNER

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 26, 1917

SOMEWHAT DRY

The September number of the State Historical Society's magazine has just come out. We suggest that it be carefully laid away with the other relics.

*Daily Cardinal*

Skyrocket column, Oct. 24, 1917

A MOST VALUABLE PROJECT

I must take a minute in the midst of Camp Devens Library activities to congratulate you on the appearance of the first number of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. It is a most valuable project and begins on the very high standard of all activities of the Society both in subject matter and in typography.

It is only by constant publication in all states of historical material that the true history of the United States can ever be written in all its aspects, social, economic, etc.

ASA CURRIER TILTON

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 26, 1917

BEST LOOKING STATE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE

I have read the September number of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY with pleasure. The contents are excellent, and the cover design is unique. I am sorry, personally, that you decided on uncut pages. I have a special dislike for this feature in any magazine. This is such a slight matter, however, and follows such an authoritative precedent, that I am loath to count it in expressing my delight with the new magazine. It is the best looking state historical magazine in the field, I think, with no intention to make any unfavorable comparisons, and its contents are uniformly of high grade.

G. N. FULLER

*Secretary, Michigan Historical Commission*

## THEY LIKE IT

The magazine is certainly a credit to our Society.

HENRY E. KNAPP

Menomonie, Nov. 7, 1917

I certainly enjoyed the first number of your new magazine and wish you much success.

ERNST VON BRIESEN

Milwaukee, Oct. 26, 1917

The magazine was a happy surprise and I enjoyed it very much.

HENRY McCONNELL

Walloon Lake, Mich., Oct. 29, 1917

I am in receipt of the first issue of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. I find it most interesting, and will look forward with pleasure to further issues.

MRS. LEWIS TYLER HILL

Sparta, Nov. 21, 1917

Heartiest congratulations on the first number of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. It is a dandy and will, with the others that follow, make membership in the Society more valuable than ever.

H. H. WOOD

Madison, Oct. 29, 1917

Accept my congratulations on the successful issue of the Society's quarterly. It ought greatly to increase interest in Wisconsin history.

J. W. CLINTON

Polo, Illinois, Oct. 25, 1917

## A WISCONSIN EDITOR'S COMMENT

I just want to express a word of congratulation on the excellence of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. I was interested in every article and especially enjoyed the one on I. A. Lapham. The short notes at the end are fine and the more you have of these the better. In the New York *Botanical Garden Magazine* a mention is made of the people of note who come for a visit or investigation. Will be glad to see this feature kept at the high standard set by the first number.

H. E. COLE

Baraboo, Nov. 2, 1917

## KIND WORDS FROM CANADA

I want to congratulate you and the Society on the high standard you have set in the opening numbers of the quarterly. I wish we had something like it here in Ontario. It is an ambitious work but should bring good results in stirring interest in the history of your state.

FRED LANDON, *Chief Librarian*  
Public Library, London, Ontario

I am in receipt of the first number of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, for which please accept my warmest thanks. If this first issue is an earnest of what we may expect from the magazine in future, I have no fears as to the success of the venture, which has my best wishes. I trust that it is your intention to place the name of this department on your mailing list to receive the magazine regularly as issued.

E. O. SCHOLEFIELD, *Provincial Librarian*  
Victoria, B. C.

## LETTERS FROM FRIENDLY RIVALS

This note of congratulation is somewhat tardy; but I do not wish the appearance of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY to pass without a word of commendation. You are to be congratulated upon the publication. I know that you will not only maintain but will improve upon its standards as time goes on.

BENJ. F. SHAMBAUGH  
*Superintendent, State Historical Society of Iowa*  
Jan. 12, 1918

Just now, however, I want to congratulate you on the first issue of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. I have read it with great interest and feel sure that it will prove to be a popular and useful enterprise.

SOLON J. BUCK,  
*Superintendent, Minnesota State Historical Society*  
Nov. 2, 1917

I am writing briefly to extend very sincere and hearty congratulations on the publication of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The first volume has a fine table of contents, and you have thereby set yourself an excellent pace, which it is hoped you will have no difficulty in maintaining.

I feel very certain that you could have adopted no more effective agency for the preservation of all forms of historical materials, and I hope the venture may be the success so much desired by you and your associates.

THOMAS M. OWEN

*Director, Department of Archives and History*  
Montgomery, Alabama

FROM A WISCONSIN LIBRARIAN

Please accept our hearty congratulations upon the very fine appearance of the WISCONSIN MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, volume I, number 1, which we have received. We receive the Minnesota magazine of like purpose, and enjoy it very much. But it really looks as if our own was to be rather more than a fair running mate for it. There are so many things, these sorrowful days, that women folk must do, that this acknowledgement has been delayed to the point of rudeness. But, believe me, I have intended to write every day and thank you in the name of our little library, and also to express my own enjoyment and appreciation of your new venture.

CAROLINE BABIDGE, *Librarian*

Prescott, Nov. 14, 1917

WHO WILL READ IT?

But don't you think you are piling up in that magazine a mass of papers of little value? You will multiply volumes; but do you think they will really be read in the vast pressure of present times?

EDWIN HALE ABBOTT

Boston, Sept. 24, 1918

READS EVERY WORD

I read every word in the quarterly. I think the quarterly and the *Geographic* [*Magazine*] are in a class together in that they are the best magazines of which I have knowledge.

J. G. D. MACK,  
*State Chief Engineer*

Madison, Sept. 26, 1918

A DELIGHT

The magazine also reached me, and is certainly a delight. You are to be congratulated on the publication, and my mind was at once filled with the things I would be only too glad to prepare for

its pages, relative to the early days of Wisconsin, as the recital came to me from Father and elder brother, Ira B. Brunson.

ELLA C. BRUNSON

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 3, 1917

OF LIKE MIND

I think the magazine is *wonderful* in every way.

MRS. S. K. CURTIS

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct., 1918

A VERY VALUABLE WORK

I enjoy very much the publications both in the magazine and in book form. You are doing a very valuable work, not only for Wisconsin, but what will prove of great value to the whole country.

M. H. FITCH

Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 24, 1918